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HEADLESS COPS

Chicago Police Force Demoralized, With Officers and Men Crying for a Chief Who Will Inspire Confidence

Chicago needs a chief of police who has the confidence of his men and who does not depend upon a Crime Commission to assure him that crime has vanished—when it hasn't.

Saturday, December 23 the loop was crowded with Christmas shoppers and the streets were lined with autos.

People without a pull were getting slips right and left for staying in the stores five minutes too long while their autos were parked at the curb.

But the people with a pull were at the regular daily job of flaunting it in the face of other people.

The police department pet whom the police are afraid of because he is immune parked his National Phaeton at the northeast corner of Washington and Wells streets at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 23.

At 3:45 o'clock the car was still there. A mounted Sergeant of police and a mounted officer were halted by a citizen who asked them to give a reason why this man was immune and why the alleged Chief of Police did not tow this empty car away.

The officers were unable to give any reason why this outrage was permitted.

The car continued to stay on this corner until darkness had fallen on the street.

On Wednesday of this week (December 27) five well known men stood beside the pet auto which was parked at the northeast corner of Wells and Washington streets and discussed the possible reason why Fitzmorris is held in the job of police chief.

Fitzmorris as Chief of Police has ceased to be a joke. He should be removed.

The police are all "on" to him. But that doesn't help any. It hurts the service.

Why such a man was ever chosen for Chief is a mystery.

When he was young he was tagged by a newspaper and sent around the world to prove that the Earth was not flat. He proved it all right.

After doing this he was made pri-

vate secretary to Mayor Harrison.

The duties of this position were very onerous. They comprised five important things, it is alleged:

First—To know one alderman from another.

Second—To hand the Mayor his mail.

Third—To hand the Mayor copies of the daily papers after censoring them.

Fourth—To snub ordinary citizens who want to see the mayor.

Fifth—To draw his salary.

Now it is hard to convince the public that even a man who can perform all of these arduous tasks is fitted by that kind of experience for Chief of Police.

EAGLETS

A Chief of Police under whose administration favoritism is shown to law-breakers should be removed.

If City Hall pets are permitted to violate the laws and ordinances in the Loop, why wonder at law-breaking in other parts of the city.

Why enforce the law against some and wink at law-breaking by others?

This is done every day in Chicago. And yet people wonder at crime.

Ordinary citizens of Chicago like ourselves may be dolts. We may not have equal rights on the streets of Chicago with men who "have something" on the City Hall which gives them privileges which we cannot enjoy although we pay taxes and live up to other obligations required of good citizens.

But at the same time we object to being arrested for parking our autos for five minutes overtime on Washington street when City Hall pets are permitted to park their autos for hours overtime in the same block.

Because this sort of thing is known to the police we can easily understand why there is so much lawlessness in the city.

CRIME RAMPANT

Never in the History of Chicago Was the Law Less Respected and Robberies More Frequent

Holdups, murders, attacks on women, burglaries, and all other crimes are of hourly occurrence.

We have not the space to publish even a short account of numbers of crimes committed against the people of Chicago this week.

Overs a million dollars was stolen by pickpockets alone on State street during the week preceding Christmas.

By some sort of special arrangement this sort of crime is not reported to the newspapers. The pickpockets are hardly ever arrested and are never punished.

velepe Company at 351 East Ohio street was robbed of \$3,000, payroll money in broad daylight.

The robbery was witnessed by a score of persons, including President Frank Hogan of the envelope company. The speed with which it was accomplished, however, took the spectators by surprise and the two men were well away before pursuit was begun.

Burglars succeeded in obtaining jewels valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000 from the home of Henry Schaaf, 4832 Drexel avenue.

While the family slumbered, the intruders made their way to the bedroom of Mrs. Schaaf, whom they attempted to chloroform. Later awakening, Mrs. Schaaf alarmed the household, and the robbers are believed to have retreated immediately.

Two younger children of the family, it was then discovered, had also been chloroformed. They were Harry, Jr., 6 years old, and Adma, 9. They were revived.

Mr. Schaaf escaped the robbers, as he was sleeping in a secluded rear room.

Diamond rings, scarfpins, necklaces and similar ornaments were among the loot taken by the thieves.

Alexander Flower and Mrs. Evelyn Dreis were victims of holdup men, who halted the two in front of the apartment building at 4163 Grand boulevard, where both reside. Cash and jewels valued at \$5,000 were taken. Mr. Flower is president of the Roosevelt State Bank, 3501 Grand boulevard.

George S. Wilhelm, 541 Wrightwood av., was made the target for three pistol shots while riding on a south-bound North Shore Electric train.

On the north side two holdup men, using an automobile, committed five robberies during the late hours Christmas Day.

The first report of their operations came from John Latus, proprietor of a restaurant at 2610 Lincoln avenue. The bandits entered his place, produced pistols and took \$43.

Dr. George Baxter, 5925 Kenmore avenue, was the second victim. The two bandits met him at Winthrop and Ardmore avenues, held him up and obtained \$35, his ring and watch.

At Ainslee street and Sheridan road the bandits met Earl Lasser, 859 Lawrence avenue. From him they took \$40 and a watch.

The next victim was E. J. Suess, 2702 North Ashland avenue. The bandits kidnaped him at Sunnyside avenue and North Robey street and drove south, throwing him from the automobile at North Robey street and Waveland avenue after taking \$50, a silk muffler and a pair of gloves.

Melvin Watts, 14 South Sacramento boulevard, met the bandits at Belleplaine and Southport avenues. They stole his watch and \$16.

In each of these five robberies the victims gave similar descriptions of the bandits and their automobile. Police believe the car they used had been stolen.

Three armed bandits held up Raymond De Vore, 2124 Belmont avenue in East Fifty-eighth street, between South Michigan and Indiana avenues. They stole his watch and \$16.50.

An armed negro bandit robbed Peter Christensen, 4617 South Michigan avenue, of his watch and \$37 when they met in South Michigan avenue, between East Forty-seventh and East Forty-eighth streets.

F. L. Kearney, 3529 North Hermitage avenue, was robbed of his watch and \$27 by three armed bandits, who

held him up at North Paulina street and Cullom avenue.

Later, at the same place, three armed men, believed to be the same who robbed Kearney, held up Bernard Harks, 4238 North Paulina street, but obtained nothing from him. He told the police he broke loose and fled from the bandits when they attempted to beat him.

Michael DeRosa, 808 S. Bishop st., was shot in his right shoulder by one of two armed men who attempted to rob him of his motor truck at Oregon avenue and South Bishop street. When the robbers ordered DeRosa to stop he said he became suspicious and put on more speed. Several shots were fired at him he said and one of the bullets wounded him in the shoulder. He drove to his home and notified the police.

Six automobiles were stolen Christmas Day; nine were stolen on Tuesday; five on Wednesday.

Set upon by three bandits while riding in their motor truck, Henry and Louis Smit, 6017 Archer avenue, were robbed of \$200 at Archer and South California avenues. The brothers, who are in the wholesale vegetable business, told the police that the bandits rode in a large touring car.

P. J. Coady, 1347 Blair street, was held up by three armed men while near his home and was robbed of his watch, valued at \$150, and his purse, containing \$47. He reported the robbery to the Maxwell street police.

A 300 pound safe was stolen from the market of Feilchenfeld Bros., 4216 Cottage Grove avenue, some time during the night. The safe contained \$500. It was found blown in Jackson Park.

The safe of the Jewell Laundry Company, 1730 Greenleaf avenue, was moved from the front of the building to the rear by safe crackers and broken open in the night. The plunderers obtained \$210.

Early Tuesday morning safe blowers got \$15,000 in cash and jewelry and Christmas gifts placed in it by employees for safe keeping from a safe in branch offices of Morris & Co., at 1538 South State street. Officials are making a check and the amount of loot may amount to a large sum, due to the fact that several days' receipts were placed in the safe over the weekend holiday.

Richard T. Fox, former superintendent of streets, was a victim in a large gem robbery. His home was robbed of \$10,000 in jewels, according to the reports.

Policeman Leo O'Neill, 4150 Grand boulevard, was shot in the left shoulder Monday night by a negro holdup man, who subsequently was captured by Policeman George Thompson, following a pistol fight near West 23rd and South Dearborn streets.

The Democrats should nominate William J. Lindsay for Judge of the Superior Court. His standing as a lawyer and his well known fitness for the place would ensure his election.

The House Republicans will hold a caucus Tuesday night, January 2 and will, it is said, agree on an organization of the House on a strictly Republican basis.

George E. Brennan, the Democratic leader, who underwent an operation which confined him to St. Joseph's Hospital for some weeks, is on the high road to recovery. He went home on Christmas Day very much improved in health.

IN THE CITY HALL

What the City Officials and Men of Affairs Are Doing for the Chicago Public

Fire Commissioner John F. Cullerton presided at a meeting of fire fighting organizations at the City Hall on Wednesday afternoon, which he had called for the purpose of securing co-ordination of the city and state fire-fighting forces. At present there is little co-operation between the different fire-fighting organizations, Mr. Cullerton declares, and independent investigations are conducted by state and city officials. The commissioner expressed the hope that the next meeting would result in voluntary agreement on a director of joint activities.

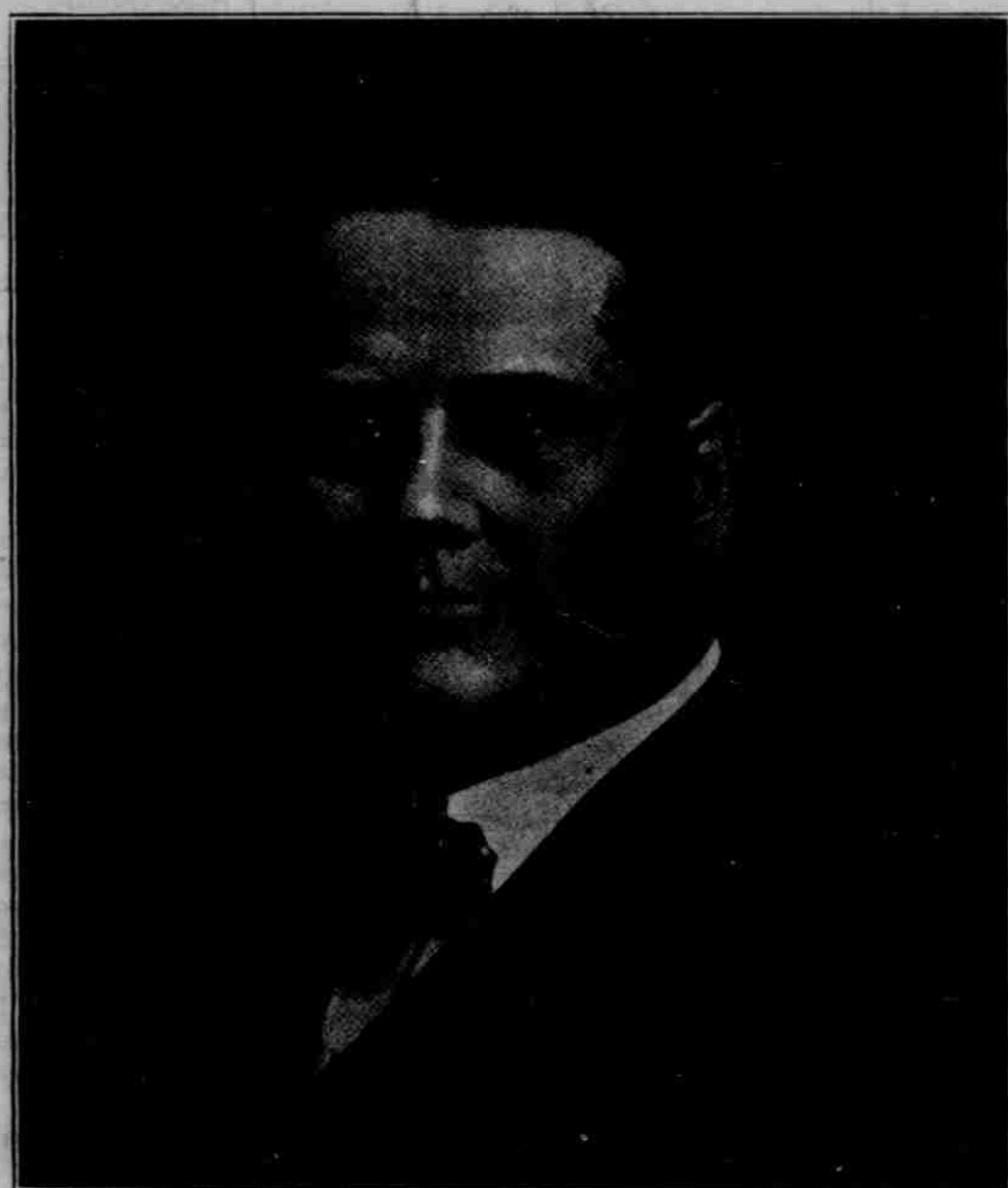
"I am making this proposal to protect the honest fire insurance policyholder and to prosecute the dishonest fire insurance adjuster and dishonest policyholder who tries to collect for fires he is responsible for," said Mr. Cullerton. "There were 1,200 more fires this year than last. I am making no accusations, but it seems likely that some of the fires were not accidental."

Among those at the conference

were State Fire Marshal John Gambier, City Fire Attorney Shirley T. High, the assistant fire marshals and members of the board of underwriters.

Interest on investments made by City Treasurer Clayton F. Smith during the year has amounted to \$2,250,000. In addition \$1,000,000 will remain after appropriations for the year have been provided for. Money paid out during the year amounted to \$212,000,000. Receipts were \$215,000,000. The city now has \$30,000,000 on deposit in banks and \$32,346,500 invested in government securities.

Alderman Thomas R. Caspers was unanimously endorsed for re-election next spring by the men and women's Democratic organizations of the Forty-seventh ward. Friends of the alderman declare he has also received a promise of the support of the Thompson and other Republican organizations of the district.



ROBERT WRIGHT STEWART, Highly Respected Lawyer, Public-Spirited Citizen and Upbuilder of Chicago.

COUNTY OFFICES

Items of Interest Concerning Men and Measures in the County Building

Recorder Joseph F. Haas in his annual report of the work of his office for 1922 shows that documents numbering 386,601 were recorded, and in this operation almost one-half billion words were written. Almost 6,000,000 folios were written this year, as compared with only 3,300,000 written last year. The fees of the office amounted to \$725,047, an increase of more than \$157,000 in 1921.

For the year ending Dec. 1 the reports of the criminal courts of the county show that 1,476 persons were ordered incarcerated in the penal and reformatory institutions. Of this number 485 persons were sent to the

penitentiaries, 263 to the Pontiac reformatory, 591 to the house of correction and 137 to the county jail.

A review of the work done by the municipal courts during the year shows that 195,068 suits were filed. Of this number 184,362 cases have already been disposed of, a record that is considered indicative of greater speed in the courts.

William Ganschow, popular citizen and well known manufacturer, is making a good record as West Park Commissioner.

Jacob Lindheimer, Assistant County Treasurer, underwent an operation for cataract of the eye in New York on Tuesday. It is reported to have been a successful one.

William J. Healy is growing in strength as a Republican Candidate for Mayor.

Reports of August W. Miller and Samuel E. Erickson, clerks, respectively, of the Circuit and Superior courts, indicate that 23,514 new suits were begun in the two courts during the year which ended on Nov. 1 last. Revenue amounting to \$349,836 accrued in the two branches during the year, from which, after payment of expenses, \$54,743 was turned over to the county treasurer.

Of 12,170 new suits filed in the Superior court, 5,623 were for divorce, according to Mr. Erickson's report. Twenty-two judges sitting in the Circuit court disposed of 13,423 cases, the reports indicate.

Approximately 15,700 estates, comprising property valued at about \$100,684,933, were disposed of in wills admitted to probate during the same period, according to the report of John F. Devine, clerk of the Probate court.

Some of the Democratic candidates for mayor have never had their names in a Chicago city directory.

Close the North Branch to commerce. Make it a sewer. Roof it over with a fine boulevard. That's the way to stop the smell and kill a breeding place for mosquitos.

Sam Gessler, the popular Lincoln Park commissioner, would make a good city treasurer.

The Chicago Eagle is One Weekly in Chicago who bound files show issues for every week since October 3, 1889.

This is a fact well known to many.

Never in the history of the city was there so much law-breaking as there is today.

There are numbers of good men on the police force but they have no head.

Criminals know this and are flocking to the City from all over the world.

The daily papers are filled with accounts of crimes of all kinds.

Only about one-twentieth of the crimes committed here get into print. The rest are suppressed.

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